

OFFICIAL

October 20, 2008

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES**

DATE: September 8, 2008

TIME: 6:30 p.m. – Executive Session (Closed)

PLACE: Lincoln Middle School

152 Jenckes Hill Road

Lincoln, RI 02865

7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting (Open)

School Committee Members Present: Mary Anne Roll, Chair; Betty Robson, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Mary Varr, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Mark Gadbois, Jeannine Magliocco, Kevin McNamara, Angelo Mencucci, Lori Miller, Joyce Ruppell; Melinda Smith, Maryann Struble; Attorney Scungio

Opening Ceremony

Right To Be Heard – None.

I. Approval of Minutes

a. August 14, 2008 Special Meeting

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Discussion ensued regarding comments made under the Medicaid item and clarification is needed. It was agreed to table to the next meeting.

b. August 25, 2008 Special Meeting

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0. Motion carried.

c. August 25, 2008 Executive Session

Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. Voted 7-0. Motion carried.

Motion to seal by Zangari. Seconded by Donabedian. Voted 7-0. Motion carried.

II. Correspondence

Superintendent Fortunato read a thank you letter from Jessica A. DeSimone for the Yale Book Award. The Superintendent wished Jessica well for her senior year at Lincoln High School.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Lincoln High School Student Update

Kevin McNamara introduced Nathan McCourt, Senior Student Council

President, as a voice for all students. Nathan reported on the activities at the high school, including the Freshman War last week. He reported on up-coming events such as Executive Class Board elections, the Freshman Dance and activities during Spirit Week. Nathan invited committee members to any of these activities. He reported talking to Cumberland students regarding having Cumberland/Lincoln games. Roll explained there is a Wellness Committee meeting October 2nd at 8 a.m. at the high school and she was hoping to recruit a couple student volunteers to attend and asked Nathan to work with Principal McNamara.

September 8, 2008

Page 2

b. School Opening Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported they had a successful opening with orientation and professional development. She thanked Mr. Mencucci and First Student for their work in transportation. She stated the faculty, staff and administrators have really set the tone for a remarkable school year. She stated Mrs. McComiskey and the President of Local 94 addressed the faculty at orientation. Angelo Mencucci and Mark Gadbois put together a presentation of what the schools looked like the first day of school. Mencucci noted there is

only a 90 day window to do most of the work with in-house staff and some work contracted out. Fortunato thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

c. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Fortunato reported enrollment is 3,326 students with students still enrolling. The Chair noted she has requested a history of enrollment over the past ten years; that she has seen a leveling off in some grades, but would like to have the figures.

d. Financial Report

Lori Miller reported she still is not projecting a positive or negative variance because it is still early. She noted that since they are self funding in the health line the town now pays the bills and will send entries to the school department. Supplies and transportation look good and she hopes electric and gas will be okay. Roll asked about Charter Schools and the Superintendent reported there are two from the high school and one from Fairlawn attending Charter Schools. Miller explained the fuel contract ended in March and they will be entering into a new contract. Fortunato reported Mr. Fusco, Energy Manager, attended an administrative meeting and will be coming to the November school committee meeting.

e. ESY Presentation

Maryann Struble reported they always look at students' needs first. This past summer they extended the school year for the most needy students and students at a lower level. Not all students needed to go four or five days a week, so they were able to keep the population to students who really needed the ESY program. Barbara

Maher, ESY Coordinator, explained students must meet the criteria to be eligible for the program. The staff included certified Special Education teachers, teacher assistants, one-on-one nurses, a speech pathologist, an occupational and a physical therapist, a social worker and a reading specialist. They provided field trips, swimming, a science program and improved work skills.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. Lincoln Youth Football & Cheerleading

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

b. Northern Lincoln PTA, NELC PTT Fundraiser

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

c. CABINS Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser – Postponed.

V. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

**a. Lauren Kashmanian From: .6 General Science – High School
37 Forestwood Drive Effective: 8/26/2008
Smithfield, RI 02917**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

September 8, 2008

Page 3

Leave of Absence Requests

a. Rebecca Deady From: Grade 1 – Fairlawn

45 Belmont St. Effective: 12/1/08 – end of school year

Taunton, MA 02780 (Maternity Leave)

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

Teacher Appointments

a. Christopher Allen To: .4 Social Studies – High School

31 Carrs Lane Effective: 8/27/2008

Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: B-2 -- \$16,548.20

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

b. Robert Bickford To: 1.0 Chemistry – High School

53 Woodbine St. Effective: 9/2/2008

Riverside, RI 02915 Salary: B-2 -- \$40,371.00

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

**c. Sandra Lorea To: Self-Contained – NELC/Northern
37 Wilbur Road Effective: September 10, 2008
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: B-1 \$36,988.14**

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried. Superintendent Fortunato introduced Ms. Lorea.**

**d. Linda Guarino To: PT 40 hr Title 1 Parent Coordinator – Northern
1 Glenview Drive Effective: 2008-09 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$44 per hour
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

**e. Mary Beauchemin To: PT 40 hour Title 1 Parent Coordinator –
NELC
1074 Great Road Effective: 2008-09 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$44 per hour
Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

**f. Susan Mischler To: PT 30 hour Title 1 Literacy Coordinator –
NELC
25 Regis St. Effective: 2008-09 school year
Coventry, RI 02816 Salary: \$44 per hour**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

Support Staff Appointments

**a. Mary Ann Charbatji To: PT 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ hour 1:1 TA– Fairlawn
22 Stony Drive Effective: September 2, 2008 - June 2009
North Smithfield, RI 02896 Salary: \$9.75/hour**

**b. Denise Berard To: PT 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Library Aide – NELC
68 Lebrun Ave. Effective: September 2, 2008 - June 2009
Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$9.75/hour**

**c. Anne Alessi To: PT 15 hour Library Aide - Lonsdale
167 Old Jenckes Hill Road Effective: September 2, 2008 - June 2009
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$10.25/hour**

September 8, 2008

Page 4

**d. Erin Vaughan To: PT 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ hour TA - Lonsdale
1040 Great Road Effective: September 2, 2008 - June 2009
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$10.25/hour**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

Long-term Sub Appointments

a. Daniel Muksian To: 1.0 LTS English – High School

3C Street Effective: September 8, 2008 - June 2009

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: B-2 -- \$39,483.73

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

Co-curricular Appointments

a. Lynn Nadrowski To: Drama Advisor – Middle School

17 Bel Air Drive Effective: 2008-09 school year

Providence, RI 02911 Salary: Per contract

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

Coaching Appointments

a. Ashley Ellsworth To: Field Hockey Coach – Middle School

630 Smithfield Road Apt. 716 Effective: 2008-09 Fall Sports Season

North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: Per contract

b. George Araujo To: Girls Soccer Coach – Middle School

300 Pleasant St. Effective: 2008-09 Fall Sports Season

Pawtucket, RI 02860 Salary: Per contract

c. Michael Parrillo To: Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach – HS

20 Craigie St. Effective: 2008-09 Fall Sports Season

North Providence, RI 02911 Salary: Per contract

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

Information Only

a. Update on Custodian Job Fair

b. Nancy Bush From: .5 Remedial Math – Northern

24 Larchwood Drive To: .5 Remedial Math – Northern/

Cumberland, RI 02864 .5 Kindergarten - NELC

VI. Awarding of Bids

a. Student Accident Insurance

Miller explained this is for a one year only contract extension for insurance provided to students and not paid for by the school department. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0. Motion carried.

b. Third Party Administrator 403 B

Miller explained this is for the 403B plan and the IRS requires they have a plan. This allows them to contract with a company at \$2/person per month to manage the plan. This company was the only bidder not affiliated with a product. Motion to approve Gatekeeper Administration and Consulting LLC by Zangari. Seconded by

Robson. Voted 7-0. Motion carried.

September 8, 2008

Page 5

VII. Salary Warrants

August 14, 2008 \$1,062,403.12

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

August 28, 2008 \$1,130,907.12

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

VIII. Expense Warrants

Capital Reserve Bills \$314,480.00

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson.

Regular Invoices – September 8, 2008 \$179,693.62

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 6-0 with
Zito recused. Motion carried.**

Addendum – September 8, 2008 \$48,575.43

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.
Motion carried.**

IX. Old Business – None.

X. New Business

a. Home Schooling Requests

- Ms. Moreau**
- Ms. Tudino**
- Mr. & Mrs. Cote**
- Mr. Martin**

Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Voted 7-0.

Motion carried.

XI. School Committee Reports

The Chair reported attending the Board of Regents meeting and work sessions on the change to graduation requirements and increasing the NECAP percentage. She expressed concern for the use of assessments and waiting to find out what kids need assistance. She felt they should not be surprised by NECAP results and not waiting for the students to get to the high school. She felt they should communicate with parents and may have to invest in technology.

XII. Community Comments

Mary Ann McComiskey welcomed new faculty and staff members and echoed the Superintendent's comments on a new year and getting off on the right foot.

XIII. Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to

Personnel to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) 1 and 2

None.

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. Voted 7-0. Motion carried at 8:37 p.m.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE